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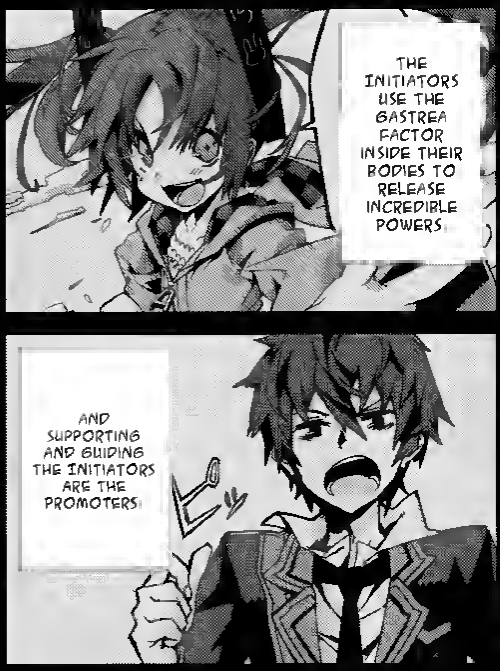
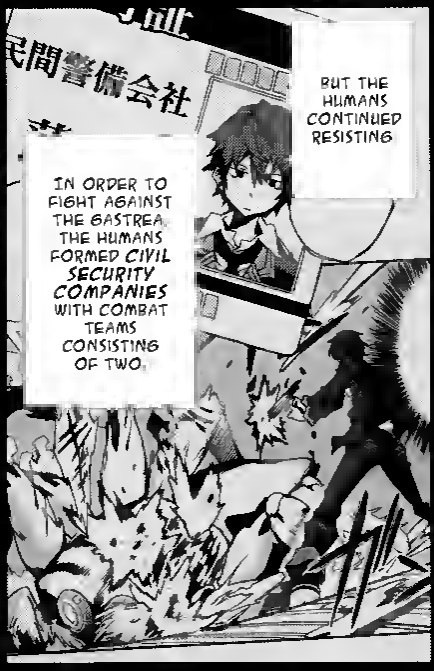
THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING PART 2 OF THIS SERIES!

IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS, HUMANS WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO LIVE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE MONOLITHS, WHILE EARTH'S CONTROL FELL INTO THEIR HANDS.
2021 A.D. THE HUMANS WERE HELPLESS AGAINST THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF THEM AND THE WAR AGAINST THEM WAS EVENTUALLY LOST.

THE NEW RULER: GASTREA.


THE INITIATORS USE THE GASTREA FACTOR INSIDE THEIR BODIES TO RELEASE INCREDIBLE POWERS.
AND SUPPORTING AND GUIDING THE INITIATORS ARE THE PROMOTERS!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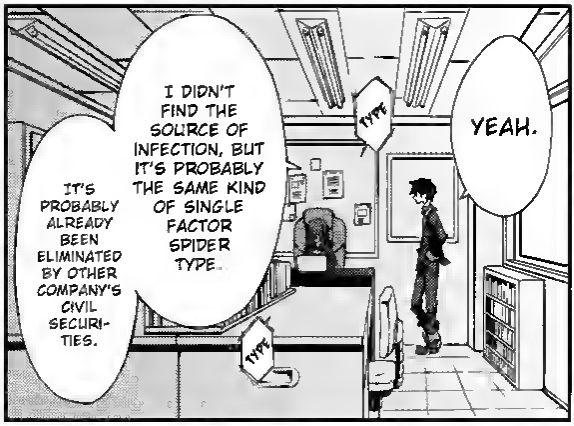
IN ORDER TO FIGHT AGAINST THE GASTREA, THE HUMANS FORMED CIVIL SECURITY COMPANIES WITH COMBAT TEAMS CONSISTING OF TWO.
BUT THE HUMANS CONTINUED RESISTING

THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF MANKIND'S ONLY HOPE.


IT'S PROBABLY ALREADY BEEN ELIMINATED BY OTHER COMPANY'S CIVIL SECURITIES.
I DIDN'T FIND THE SOURCE OF INFECTION, BUT IT'S PROBABLY THE SAME KIND OF SINGLE FACTOR SPIDER TYPE.
TYPE
TYPE
YEAH.

SATOMI-KUN.
THE SPIDER-TYPE GASTREA THAT YOU ELIMINATED TODAY WAS AN *INFECTED VICTIM*, RIGHT?

TYPE
THAT WOULD MEAN...
ONLY OUR COMPANY HAS SUBMITTED AN EXTERMINATION REPORT ON A SPIDER TYPE.

TYPE
IT WOULD BE NICE IF THAT WAS TRUE, BUT....
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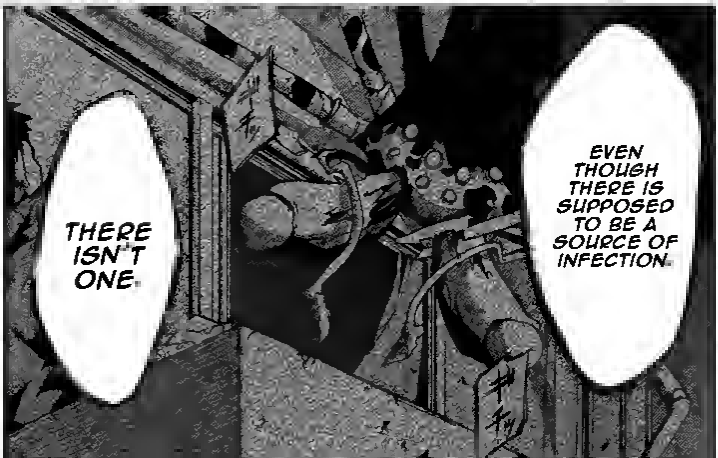
TYPE

WAS JUST THE ONE SPIDER TYPE THAT SATOMI-KUN DEFEATED.
..THE GASTREA THAT WE SAW TODAY,


THERE ISN'T ONE.
EVEN THOUGH THERE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SOURCE OF INFECTION.

WHA...
YES.

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CHAPTER 3 [THE CURSED CHILDREN]

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該当なし
BEEEP!
THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE...!
TYPE TYPE TYPE TYPE
TYPE TYPE
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THERE'S NOTHING, RIGHT?
YEAH...
THERE'S ONE RIGHT HERE, ISN'T THERE?
BUT TO NOT EVEN HAVE ONE WITNESS REPORT ON THE SOURCE OF INFECTION IS JUST IMPOSSIBLE!
TCH!
THEN WHY DIDN'T THE GOVERNMENT SOUND THE ALARM AROUND THIS AREA!?
SATOMI-KUN.
IT'S NOT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS INEFFICIENT, BUT...
THAT THEY WOULDN'T USE COMPULSORY MEASURES SUCH AS THE EVACUATION ALARM, SO YOU SHOULDN'T BE EXPECTING IT
WELL...

I'LL ALSO TRY ASKING AROUND IN THE BUSINESS.
I'LL ASK -SENSEI- WHEN I GO HOME LATER.
WE NEED THE OPINION OF AN EXPERT.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
IT'S EXACTLY LIKE THAT SO WE, THE CIVIL SECURITY, HAVE WORK TO DO.
TCH
SATOMI-KUN.
...
I GOT IT.
BE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.
WE WILL ALSO HUNT DOWN THE REMAINING GASTREA.
WELL THEN...
IPA-

HM?
IF YOU'RE ALSO GOING HOME, THEN SHALL I ESCORT YOU?
SORRY.
TODAY IS THE DAY OF THE DIALYSIS SO I HAVE TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL.
OH YEAH, OKAY THEN.

THAT REMINDS ME, DID ENJU-CHAN ALREADY GO HOME?
YEAH
SHE SAID SHE WAS TIRED AND FELL ASLEEP WHILE WALKING.
I SEE.

IT'S ALREADY BEEN A YEAR...
SINCE YOU'VE BECOME A PROMOTER AND MET ENJU-CHAN...
IT'S ONLY BEEN A YEAR.
YOU AND I ARE ONLY HALFWAY TOWARDS OUR GOAL.
SATOMI-KUN,
EVER SINCE YOU MET ENJU-CHAN, YOU'VE REALLY CHANGED.
NOT ONLY DO YOU SMILE MORE OFTEN, YOU EVEN COOK NOW.
IF IT WAS THE OLD SATOMI-KUN,
I COULDN'T EVEN IMAGINE IT.
I KNEW HOW TO COOK BEFORE AND I ALSO SMILED OCCASION-ALLY.
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL.
HEY, SATOMI-KUN.
RIGHT NOW, WHAT IS YOUR GOAL?
EH...

IS IT TO HELP ENJU-CHAN FIND HER PARENTS?
YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER ANYMORE?
SATOMI-KUN, YOU SAID THIS A LOT BACK THEN:
'MY FATHER AND MOTHER MUST BE ALIVE, SO I HAVE TO FIND THEM.'
I'VE STOPPED HEARING IT RECENTLY THOUGH
RIGHT NOW, DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT?
!!
IT'S NONE... OF YOUR... BUSI-NESS...
EVERY SINGLE TIME. YOU ARE ANNOYING.

IT'S FINE ALREADY.
MY PARENTS ARE DEAD.
THERE'S NO MISTAKE ABOUT THAT.
.....
I'VE SAID TOO MUCH.
I'M STILL NOT USED TO THESE TYPES OF CONVER-SATIONS...
AND I EVEN TOOK MY ANGER OUT ON OTHER PEOPLE...
WHAT AN IDIOT... I AM...

TAKAHARU, MAFUYU...
THEY WERE BOTH MY IMPORTANT FRIENDS.
TO THINK THAT THEY BOTH WOULD PASS AWAY AT THE SAME TIME...
THIS IS PRETTY MUCH ALL THAT'S LEFT...
AS A TENDOU.
COME LIVE WITH ME, RENTAROU.
NO
NOW, THEY CAN NO LONGER SHOW YOU THEIR SMILES.
AND NO LONGER COOK FOOD FOR YOU.
SHUT UP!!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, RENTA-ROU!?

I...
..MUST FIND THEM...
MY FATHER AND MOTHER AREN'T DEAD!
THEY MUST BE WAITING SOME-WHERE FOR SOMEONE TO SAVE THEM!
MY GOAL...
HUH.
CAN'T BE HELPED.
TOMORROW. I'LL HAVE TO APOLOGIZE IN A WAY THAT WON'T GET HER CARRIED AWAY.
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I THINK THIS LOOKS PRETTY BAD FOR A HOSPITAL...
SENSEI...
WHERE IS SHE?
SENSEI...
I'M HERE.
SEN-
SE-AAAAAH
HA HA HA.
AS USUAL YOU'RE STILL WEAK AGAINST CREEPY THINGS LIKE THIS.

BA.
DON'T-
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT, SENSEI!
HA HA HA.
EY, RENTAROU-KUN.
WELCOME TO THE ABYSS.
HE'S CHARLIE, MY LOVER.
...WASN'T THERE A FEMALE CALLED SUSAN FROM BEFORE?
UNFOR-TUNATELY, SHE IS NO LONGER HERE. NOW IT'S HIM.
CORPSES ARE GOOD. THEY DON'T BABBLE.
NN.
ONLY THEY CAN UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS.
AH, RIGHT, RIGHT.
MAGATA PUBLIC UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
GASTREA RESEARCHER AND HEAD OF THE FORENSICS DEPARTMENT
MUROTO SUMIRE

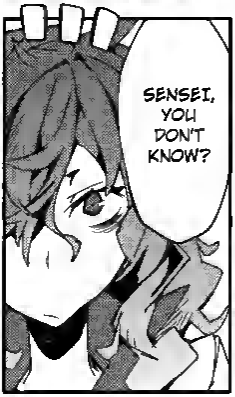
COULDN'T YOU HAVE KILLED IT MORE CLEANLY?
...EH?
THE MOST CRUCIAL SOURCE OF INFECTION STILL HAS NOT BEEN FOUND...
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THIS CASE..
I SEE.
THE STAGE 1 GASTREA THAT YOU JUST DEFEATED HAS ALREADY BEEN TRANSPORTED TO MY LAB.
AND THE BULLETS ARE SPREAD AROUND EVERY-WHERE.
CHARLIE IS TOO CLOSE!!
TOO CLOSE!
THE IMPACT OF THE BULLETS DAMAGED THE MEAT.
BUT NOT ONLY ARE YOU PERVERTED, LAZY, AND COWARDLY, YOU'RE ALSO HORRIBLE AT SHOOTING.
ALTHOUGH NOBITA-KUN* WAS PERVERTED, LAZY, AND COWARDLY, HE WAS AT LEAST GOOD AT SHOOTING.
I'LL ASK YOU BLUNTLY. WHY HAVEN'T YOU COMMITTED SUICIDE ALREADY?
YOU'RE THE WORST. YOU'RE HOPE-LESS.

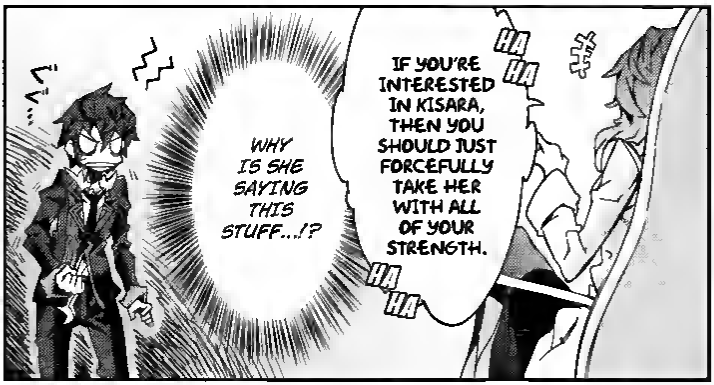
TL NOTE: PRETTY SURE ALL OF YOU KNOW, BUT NOBITA IS THE MAIN CHARACTER FROM THE POPULAR MANGA *DORAEMON*

HAVEN'T YOU ALREADY LOST ALL HOPE FOR THIS WORLD?
AM I REALLY THAT HOPE-LESS...?

WHA...
IF YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THIS, KISARA WILL DUMP YOU.

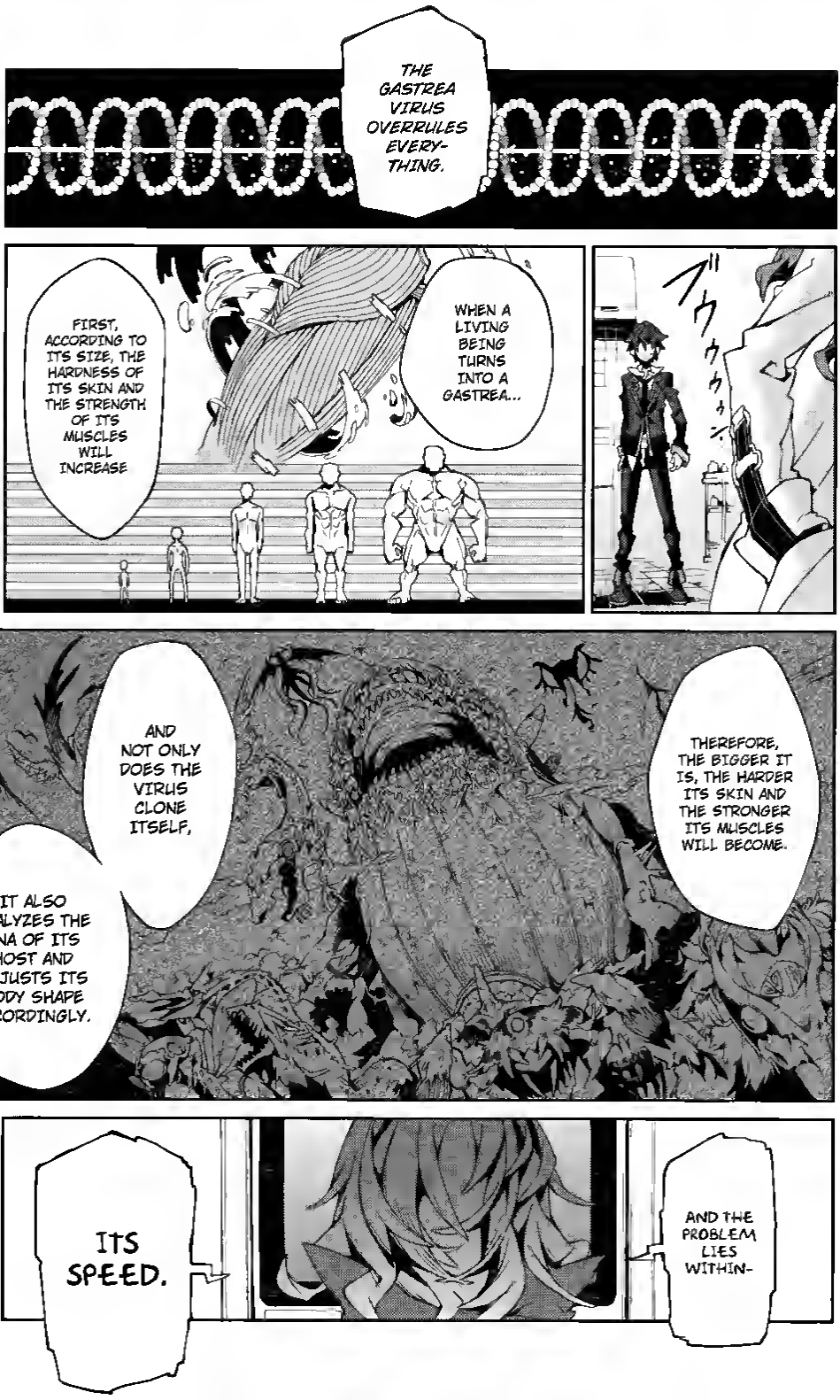
SERI-OUSLY,


SENSEI, YOU DON'T KNOW?


WHY IS SHE SAYING THIS STUFF...!?
IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN KISARA, THEN YOU SHOULD JUST FORCEFULLY TAKE HER WITH ALL OF YOUR STRENGTH.
HA HA
HA HA

KISARA-SAN WAS INAUGURATED INTO THE SECRETS OF THE -TENDOU SWORD STYLE-.
A BEGINNER OF THE -TENDOU COMBAT STYLE- LIKE ME WOULD BE KILLED BY HER.
IT'S JUST THAT...
HER KIDNEY DETERIORATED TO THE POINT WHERE SHE HAD TO SWITCH TO A CLERICAL POSITION..
YEAH, YEAH. I KNOW. I'VE HEARD THIS MANY TIMES.
HU... HUH?
IS THAT SO?
WHILE YOU LIVED AT THE TENDOU HOUSE,
THE ONE BEING PROTECTED BY KISARA FROM THE BROTHERS WAS YOU, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO WORTHLESS RIGHT NOW...
I-
I CAN PROTECT KISARA-SAN RIGHT NOW.
WELL NOW, LET'S GET BACK ON TRACK.
KUU.

RENTAROU-KUN.
YOU KNOW THE CHARAC-TERISTICS OF A JUMPING SPIDER, RIGHT?
IT'S THE BODY COLOR.
AND THE JUMP THAT IT USES TO CATCH ITS PREY IS ALSO A DEFINING CHARACTE-RISTIC.
EXACTLY.
EVEN IF ONE TURNED INTO THE SIZE OF A HUMAN,
IT WOULDN'T HAVE 10 TIMES THE JUMPING POWER OF THE ORIGINAL.
EH.
AH... IS THAT SO?
FIRST, IF YOU CONVERT ITS JUMPING POWER INTO THAT OF THE SIZE OF A HUMAN'S, IT WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO JUMP ABOUT THE HEIGHT OF THE TOKYO TOWER.
BUT TO BEGIN WITH, IF THE JUMPING SPIDER'S SIZE WAS THE SAME AS A HUMAN'S, IT WOULDN'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO SUPPORT ITS HUGE BODY.
IT ALSO WOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO BREATHE THROUGH ITS SKIN.
THAT IS THE TRUTH.
BUT-


THE GASTREA VIRUS OVERRULES EVERY-THING.
WHEN A LIVING BEING TURNS INTO A GASTREA...
FIRST, ACCORDING TO ITS SIZE, THE HARDNESS OF ITS SKIN AND THE STRENGTH OF ITS MUSCLES WILL INCREASE
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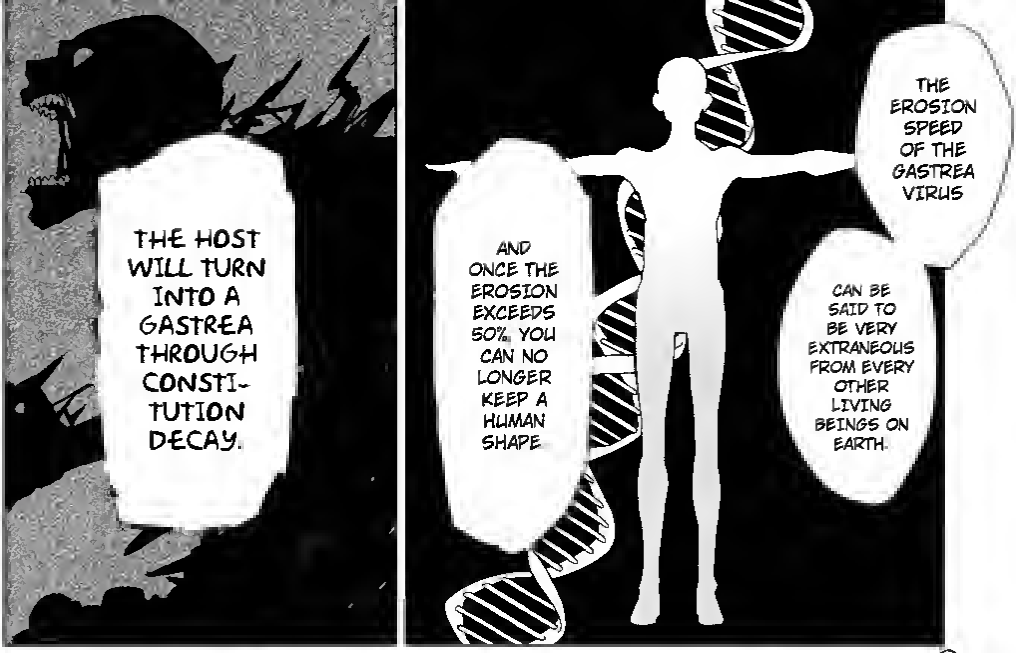
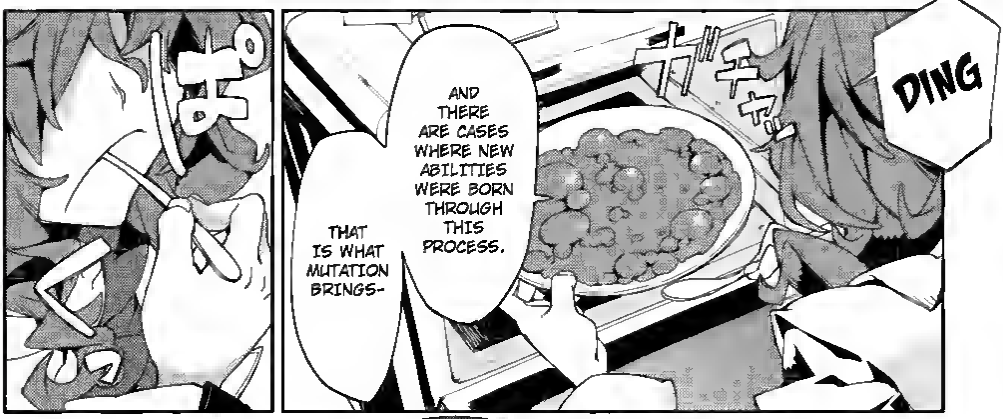
AND NOT ONLY DOES THE VIRUS CLONE ITSELF,
IT ALSO ANALYZES THE DNA OF ITS HOST AND ADJUSTS ITS BODY SHAPE ACCORDINGLY.
THEREFORE, THE BIGGER IT IS, THE HARDER ITS SKIN AND THE STRONGER ITS MUSCLES WILL BECOME.
ITS SPEED.
AND THE PROBLEM LIES WITHIN-


THE HOST WILL TURN INTO A GASTREA THROUGH CONSTI-TUTION DECAY.
AND ONCE THE EROSION EXCEEDS 50%, YOU CAN NO LONGER KEEP A HUMAN SHAPE.
THE EROSION SPEED OF THE GASTREA VIRUS
CAN BE SAID TO BE VERY EXTRANEOUS FROM EVERY OTHER LIVING BEINGS ON EARTH.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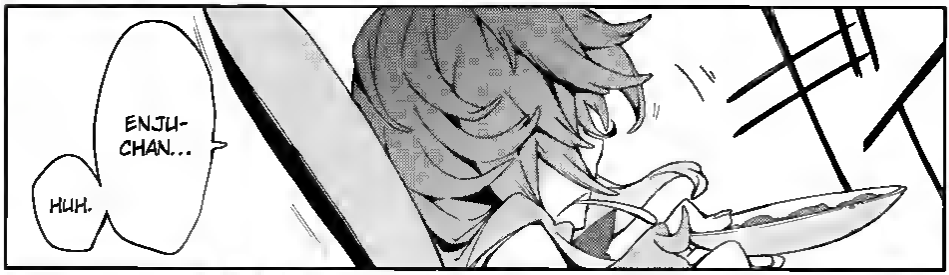
AND THERE ARE CASES WHERE NEW ABILITIES WERE BORN THROUGH THIS PROCESS.
THAT IS WHAT MUTATION BRINGS-

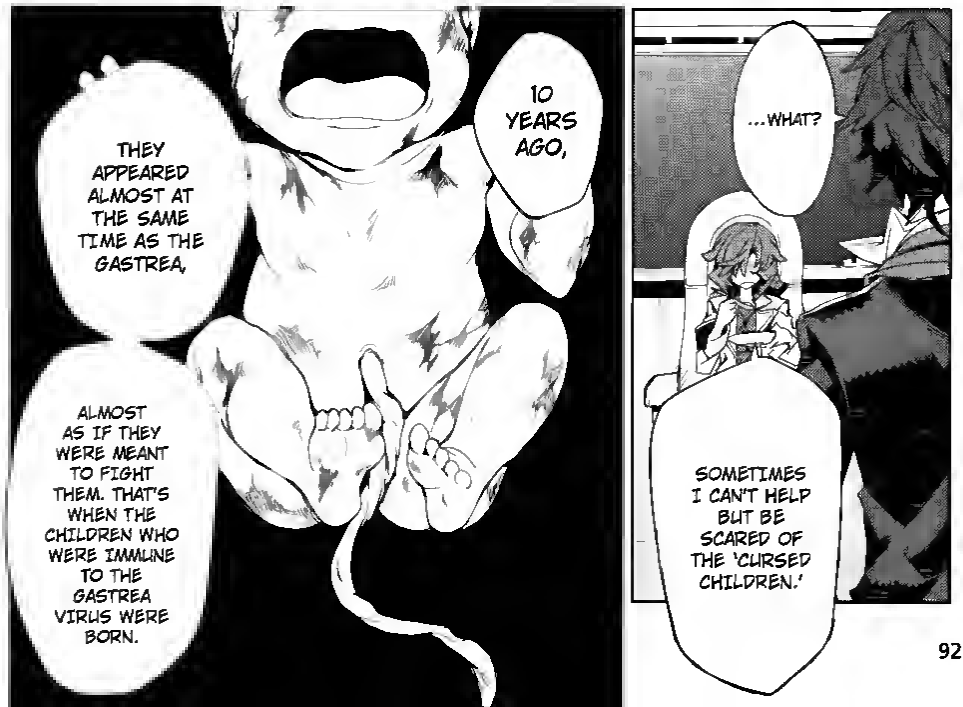
EVOLU-TIONARY JUMP.

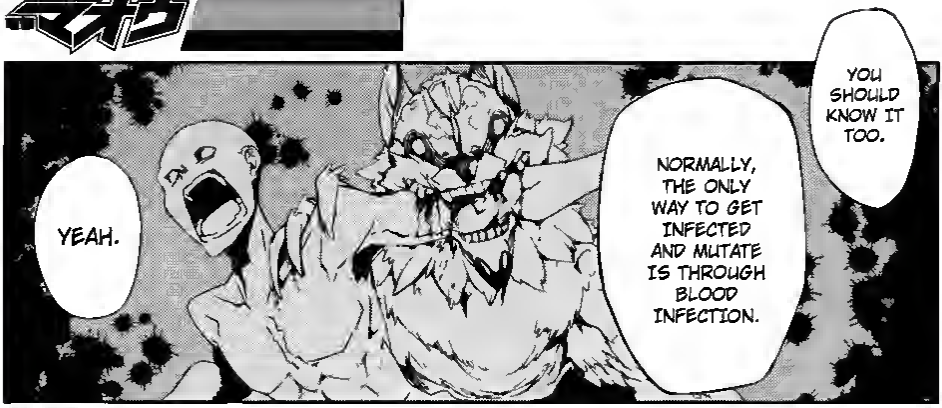
EVEN THOUGH IT TOOK SUCH A HUGE TURN,
I THINK THE REASON THAT THE SOURCE OF INFECTION HASN'T BEEN FOUND IS BECAUSE IT GAINED A NEW AND UNKNOWN ABILITY.
LISTEN TO MY PROPO-SAL...
HM, LET'S SEE.
THE REASON IT HASN'T BEEN FOUND IS BECAUSE IT CAN CAMOUFLAGE ITSELF.
TO PUT IT MORE SIMPLY
IT HAS THE CAMOUFLAGE ABILITY OF A CHAMELEON.
IF IT REALLY HAS THE ABILITY TO TWIST LIGHT RAYS,
THEN TOMORROW, THE TOKYO AREA WILL BE DESTROYED BY A PANDEMIC.
000
IT'LL BE OKAY.

PANDEMIC: EPIDEMIC OVER A LARGE AREA.

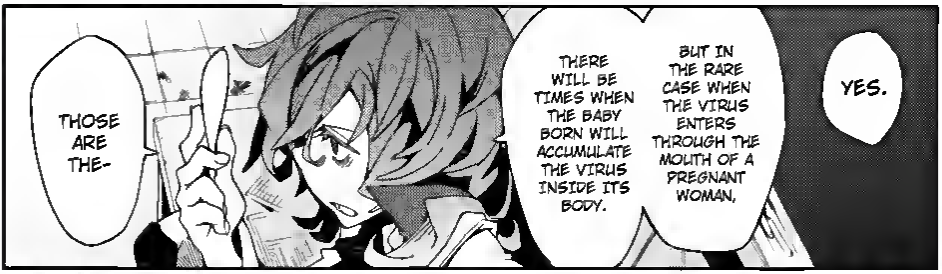
THE PROMOTERS AND THE INITIATORS ARE HERE.
THAT'S WHY TO STOP THAT FROM HAPPENING, ENJU AND I-


ENJU-CHAN...
HUH.


10 YEARS AGO,
THEY APPEARED ALMOST AT THE SAME TIME AS THE GASTREA,
ALMOST AS IF THEY WERE MEANT TO FIGHT THEM. THAT'S WHEN THE CHILDREN WHO WERE IMMUNE TO THE GASTREA VIRUS WERE BORN.
...WHAT?
SOMETIMES I CAN'T HELP BUT BE SCARED OF THE 'CURSED CHILDREN.'


YOU SHOULD KNOW IT TOO.
NORMALLY, THE ONLY WAY TO GET INFECTED AND MUTATE IS THROUGH BLOOD INFECTION.
YEAH.

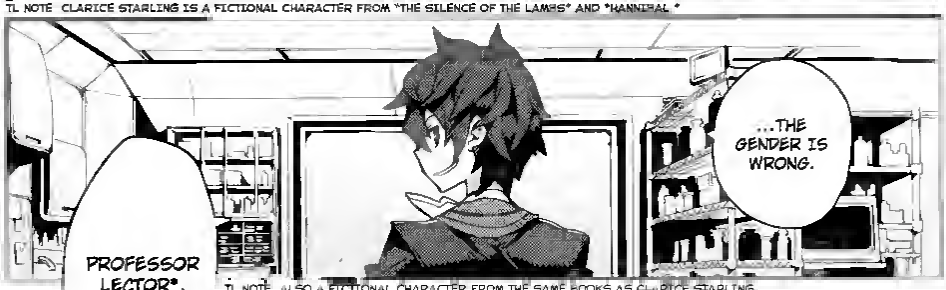
NOT TO EVEN MENTION AIR INFECTION,
IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED THAT YOU CAN'T BE INFECTED THROUGH THE MOUTH OR EVEN THROUGH SEXUAL INTERCOURSE


YES.
BUT IN THE RARE CASE WHEN THE VIRUS ENTERS THROUGH THE MOUTH OF A PREGNANT WOMAN,
THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN THE BABY BORN WILL ACCUMULATE THE VIRUS INSIDE ITS BODY.
THOSE ARE THE-

'CURSED CHILDREN.'

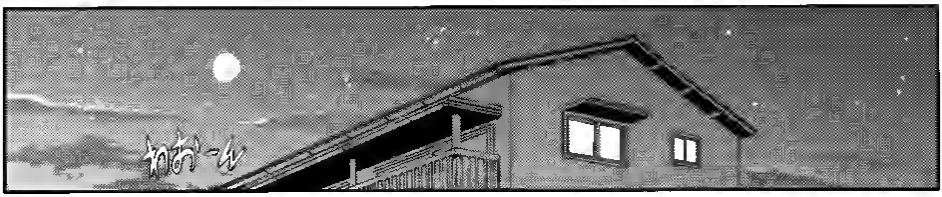
ALTHOUGH THESE GIRLS HAVE RED EYES RIGHT WHEN THEY ARE BORN,
THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THEY LOOK LIKE HUMANS.
EVEN THOUGH THEY'VE BEEN INFECTED BY THE GASTREA VIRUS, EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, THEY HAVEN'T MUTATED. THEY ARE A SPECIAL EXISTENCE.
.....
LOOK-
PUT DOWN
I GAVE A LOT OF TUTORING TO THE STUPID YOU...
SO?
DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS?
!
YEAH...
CAMOUFLAGE ABILITY.
I THINK I'LL START WITH THIS CLUE.
WELL, I'M LEAVING NOW, SENSEI.

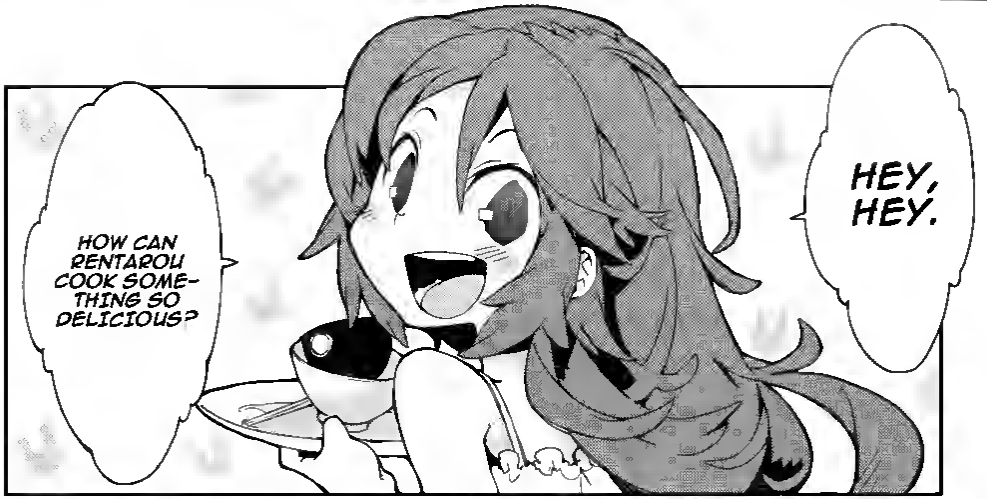
TL NOTE CLARICE STARLING IS A FICTIONAL CHARACTER FROM "THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS" AND "HANNIBAL."



TL NOTE ALSO A FICTIONAL CHARACTER FROM THE SAME BOOKS AS CLARICE STARLING

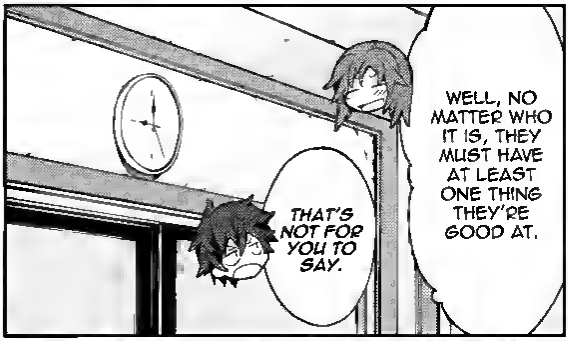
SHUTS





TL NOTE NO NEED TO MENTION WATSON IS FROM THE BOOK *SHERLOCK HOLMES.*

Facing the day after tomorrow*
NO... WELL... YEAH
EH.
WHEN CAN I BE LIKE RENTAROU AND COMPLETELY LEARN HOW TO COOK?
YOU'LL LEARN HOW TO IN NO TIME.
Hey
Hey,



TL NOTE *FACING THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW* IN JAPAN MEANS TURNING THEIR ATTENTION ELSEWHERE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOTHING TO SAY.

侵食抑制剤
IT'S COMING.
BEAR WITH ME. IT'LL BE FAST.
NO MATTER WHEN IT IS, I CAN NEVER LIKE GETTING THE SHOT.
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INITIATORS MUST TAKE AN EROSION RESISTANCE SHOT EVERY DAY.
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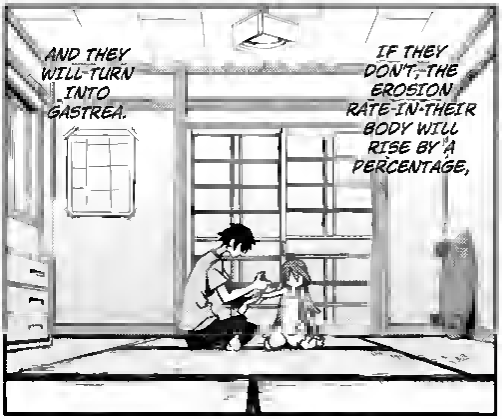
TSU..!

THE CRITICAL POINT IS 50%.


AND THEY WILL TURN INTO GASTREA.
IF THEY DON'T, THE EROSION RATE IN THEIR BODY WILL RISE BY A PERCENTAGE,

SOME-
TIMES I
CAN'T HELP
BUT BE
SCARED OF
THE CURSED
CHILDREN.
.....
THERE WAS A
TIME WHEN
PREGNANT
WOMEN
GAVE
BIRTH
NEAR A
RIVER.
AND THEN
IMMEDIATELY
THREW THEIR
BABIES INTO
THE RIVER
TO DROWN
THEM.
THE
BIRTHS
OF THE
CURSED
CHILDREN
ARE
SPECIAL.
MOST OF
THE TIME,
WHEN THE
MOTHERS
SEE THE RED
EYES OF THE
CHILD THAT
CAME OUT
OF THEM,
THEY GO
INSANE.
THE
EMPTINESS
WHEN YOU
SEE THE
CORPSES OF
THE BABIES,
CANNOT BE
DESCRIBED
WITH
WORDS
THEY
MUST
BE
KILLED.
BECAUSE
THEY ARE
CURSED,

BEFORE I MET HER, I HAD ALREADY LEARNED ABOUT THEM.
THE INITIATORS AND THE CURSED CHILDREN, BUT
THE ENJU RIGHT NOW, SHE LAUGHS, SHE GETS MAD, SHE CRIES.
A YEAR AGO, WHEN I MET ENJU THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL INITIATOR SUPERVISING ORGANIZATION (IISO),
TRUTHFULLY, I WAS TAKEN ABACK.

THOSE COLD EYES THAT WERE FILLED WITH DISTRUST AND HOSTILITY...

EVEN NOW, I HAVEN'T MET ANYONE LIKE HER THAT REJECTS EVERYTHING SO FIRMLY.
IT'S NOT DONE YET, RENTA-ROU?
!
It's been a long time~

THE EVERYDAY CUSTOM IS DONE, THE FOOD HAS BEEN EATEN.
AFTER WE'VE SATISFIED OUR STOMACHS, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO.
THAT'S .. THAT'S RIGHT.
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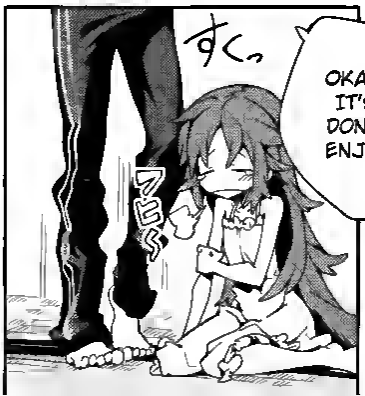
OKAY. IT'S DONE, ENJU.
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MY HEART...
IS PREPARED...
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YEAH, GOOD NIGHT.
snort
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チュン
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Oh my good morning.
Good morning
HEAD-ACHE,
MAX
What happened-
DROWSI-NESS,
IN PERFECT FORM.
……
I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL...
I ALSO LEFT MY BIKE NEAR THE INCIDENT AREA.
SINCE I'M GONNA BE LATE ANYWAYS, WHY I DON'T I JUST TAKE A DAY O-

THE LANDLADY LENT HER BIKE TO US!
BE HAPPY!

SO MUCH NICE TIMING, DAMN IT.
...WHAT'S WRONG?
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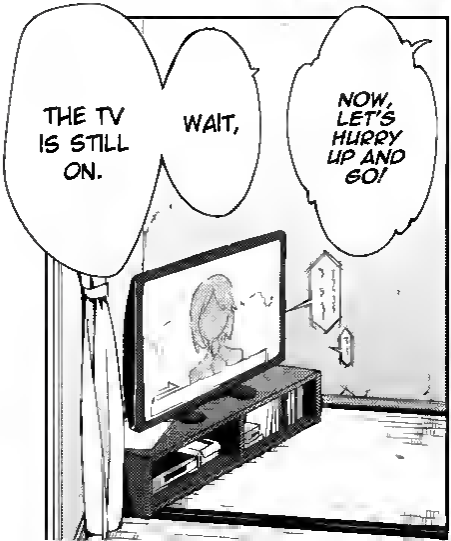
THE TV IS STILL ON.
WAIT,
NOW, LET'S HURRY UP AND GO!

WELL,
I'LL REST IF I CAN REST. IF I CAN'T REST, THAT'S FINE. IF I BREAK THE CONTRACT, THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT WILL CHEW ME OUT.
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T/L NOTE: SEIKYO MEANS HOLY PALACE/HOUSE

PLEASE LOOK AT THE BALCONY!
HOW BEAUTI-FUL!
THIS PLACE WHERE WE LIVE,
THIS PERSON IS THE RULER OF THE TOKYO AREA...!

SEITENSHI...
SAMA...
THE PURE WHITE GIRL,
WHAT DOES HER APPEARANCE FORETELL?

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BEEEP!
OH CRAP!
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DON'T TELL ME...
YEAH...
...NOT ONLY THAT, WE DON'T HAVE A RAW PROVIDER FOR IT EITHER, RIGHT?
HOON WANTS TO PICK UP YET ANOTHER NEW SERIES BUT ALL OUR TRANSLATORS ARE ALREADY OVERWHELMED WITH OTHER PROJECTS.
...OR WE CAN JUST RECRUIT MORE PEOPLE
JUST WHIP THE STAFF WE HAVE SOME MORE. SLEEPING AND HAVING A LIFE ARE FOR THE WEAK.
TRANS-LATOR AND RAW PROVIDER SHORTAGE?
WE'D GO TO JAIL.
CAN'T WE JUST KIDNAP AND ENSLAVE ALL OUR JAPANESE, CHINESE, OR KOREAN SPEAKING READERS?
TCH!

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